

THE ROYAL N.S.W. INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND BLIND CHILDREN — 112th ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1973.



The Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf and Blind Children

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112th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
ROYAL N.S.W. INSTITUTION FOR
DEAF & BLIND CHILDREN
will be held in the
Auditorium, "Walkley House",
111-115 CHANDOS STREET, ST. LEONARDS
on FRIDAY, 8th MARCH 1974, at 3.30 p.m.

In the presence of the Premier of New South Wales,
The Hon. Sir Robert Askin, K.C.M.G., M.L.A.,
and Lady Askin.

In the Chair, Sir William Walkley, C.B.E., President.

BUSINESS:

1. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the 111th Annual General Meeting of 12th March, 1973.
2. To receive and adopt the Annual Report of the Directors and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1973.
3. (a) To elect the Office-bearers.
(b) To elect Directors.
(c) To elect the Honorary Auditors.
(d) To appoint the Honorary Professional Staff.
4. To deal with any arising business relevant to an Annual General Meeting as specified by the Act of Incorporation and the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations made in pursuance thereof.

By Order of the Board.

W. E. HASEMER,
Hon. Secretary.

Sydney, 29th January, 1974.



PATRON:

*HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
SIR RODEN CUTLER, V.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E.*



Senior blind children spent many enjoyable hours horse-riding during their annual summer mobility camp in the Blue Mountains National Park.



SIR WILLIAM WALKLEY, C.B.E.

FOREWORD BY THE PRESIDENT

I N prefacing the 112th Annual Report of the Institution's Directors I wish to pay a sincere personal tribute to all connected with our work. In an association going back over many years of active interest, as a Director, as General Campaigns Chairman and for the past eight years as President, I have been impressed by the compassion and deep concern of very many people of goodwill for these children, blameless in themselves for their afflictions.

The Committees and Auxiliaries, the Clubs and Service Organisations, the many companies, corporations and individuals who contribute so generously and regularly, are beyond praise.

A tribute is also due to our staff, both at Head Office and the Centre, the sincerity of whose interest has been demonstrated by their unremitting efforts.

And finally, to my colleagues, the Honorary Office Bearers and the Directors, a warm appreciation of the time and effort, so readily and freely given and of their support to me personally. I am profoundly indebted to them all.

I quote Abraham Lincoln, when I say most sincerely, "A man never stands so tall as when he stoops to help a little child."

W. G. WALKLEY,
President.

Sydney, 29th January. 1974.

112th Annual Report of the Directors

1973 was a most significant year in planning the advancement of this Royal Institution. It posed many problems to those who undertake voluntarily the task of guiding the Institution's children through their formative years to take their place in the world as contributing, useful and integrated citizens. Most of these problems, however, were solved satisfactorily or are nearing solution.

The last decade saw progress in every aspect of the Institution's activities and work for the children; and 1973 was no exception. In fact there was an upswing of the pendulum in regard to the expansion and improvement of facilities and in planning new areas of effort. Additional classroom space was provided for the blind children. New equipment was obtained and parent counselling services, mobility instruction and job placement and general welfare facilities improved and extended.

The Deaf Blind Trainable School at North Rocks Centre is now at full capacity. In fact, there are one or two children on the waiting list.

The number of children at North Rocks during the year averaged 286. Following are the numbers in each category at September 30.

Deaf children	184
Blind children	58
Deaf Blind Educable children	30
Deaf Blind Trainable children	14
	<u>286</u>

The Multi-Handicapped Blind Programme, which was mentioned in the last Report, progressed to the stage that the buildings are now near completion. It is anticipated that the programme for these severely multi-handicapped blind children will begin in March, 1974.

VICE-REGAL INTEREST

Since its establishment in 1860 your Institution has been fortunate in having the direct interest and benevolent concern of successive Governors of this State.

The Institution's distinguished Patron, His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., has maintained this splendid tradition and has continually demonstrated his interest and given his encouragement to the work of the Institution. This interest is shared by Lady Cutler and is most encouraging and gratifying, not only to the Board and to the members of the staff, but to the many Committees and Auxiliaries allied to this Royal Institution and to all its friends.

FINANCE

The constant factor of inflation, which has been with us for so many years, accelerated during last year and the problem of raising sufficient funds to maintain and improve the North Rocks Centre received constant attention. It is gratifying to your Board, and to all Members, that the figures shown in the Financial Statement appearing on Page 17 justify the time and effort devoted to this important and, indeed, essential aspect.

It will be noted from the Statement that legacies exceeded the high figure achieved in the previous year. Income from

this source was in excess of \$191,000. Together with the profit from the realisation of certain investments received as endowments, the total figure for legacies and endowments was \$200,470.

The gratifying increase in total income of \$126,651, or 16%, to a record figure of \$904,127, enables your Directors to transfer \$235,658 to Accumulated Funds and Endowments, thus making possible the ultimate completion of the new Centre for the multi-handicapped blind children at North Rocks.

The acquisition of the new Head Office building in St. Leonards was also achieved from the Institution's own resources during the year. An important factor in this was the sale of the Castlereagh Street Head Office property at a very substantial profit.

Operating costs rose during the year by \$61,895 to \$668,479 an increase of 10.2%. Of this, increases in award wages and national wage increases involved additional expenditure in salaries of \$55,900. Your Board has no control over the fixing of awards but management is to be congratulated upon containing other cost increases in a highly inflationary period to 2.3% thus minimising their reflection in the overall expenditure.

Receipts from every avenue have been gratifying and almost all have shown a steady increase. Both Federal and State Governments made very significant and valued contributions and the sum of \$181,970 was received from these sources. Grateful acknowledgement is made to the responsible Ministers for their sympathetic consideration of the Institution's interests.

Your Board is indeed pleased that the confidence expressed in the last Annual Report with regard to continuing public support has been vindicated and your Institution was thus able to meet the continuing spiral of increased expenditure.

Your Board asks members and supporters and interested friends to note that the surplus in operating income during this and the past few years is the result, to a great extent, of legacies, generous bequests and increased Government assistance. Those surpluses were spent upon pioneering new facilities and improving and extending the services to the children in our care. This, Directors are confident, is the wish of the membership.

The Board believes that today's donors would like their gifts to be devoted to the welfare and betterment of today's children.

DIRECTORS

It is opportune to record the fact that Mr. W. E. Hasemer has now been a member of the Board for 20 years, during the last 15 of which he has given outstanding service in the demanding position of Honorary Secretary. His dedication to the work of this Royal Institution and his wisdom and advice have contributed in no small measure to the development of all the activities at North Rocks.

During the year your Directors extended an invitation to Mr. L. J. Hooker to join them as a Member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Hooker, in accepting the invitation, further demonstrated his interest in the Royal Institution, which was first shown when he accepted the Chairmanship



W. E. Hasemer, Esq., Honorary Secretary.

of the successful Deaf and Blind Children's "Break-Through" Campaign in 1966. His colleagues are sensible and appreciative of the acumen and experience which Sir Leslie brings to the Board's deliberations.

The Board records with pleasure the subsequent bestowal of the accolade of knighthood upon Sir Leslie and the appointment of Mr. John Gaden, our Vice-President, as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Her Majesty the Queen.

APPOINTMENT OF LIFE GOVERNOR

During the year the Board appointed Miss Vera Ramaciotti a Life Governor, thus acknowledging her contributions to the work of the Institution which have been most generous and substantial.

Miss Ramaciotti joins the select body of only 15 Life Governors appointed during the 113 years of the Institution's history.

HONORARY PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The continuing excellent health and high spirits of our large family at North Rocks Centre is due to the selfless service of the ladies and gentlemen of the honorary professional staff whose highly specialised skills are given freely to the children. The Board is profoundly grateful and deeply indebted to the members of this outstanding professional panel for their unflagging zeal.

Your Board also places on record its appreciation of the

legal advice and guidance given by Messrs. Maclean Stewart and Co., and its thanks to the honorary auditors, Messrs. A. W. Butterell, Porter and Co., for their splendid unflinching interest, and to our architect Mr. Charles Summerhayes, for his continuing application to our needs.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Royal Institution has maintained a long and fruitful relationship with the Department of Education and the close liaison continues with the current Minister for Education, the Hon. Eric Willis, M.L.A., and with his Director-General Mr. J. Buggie.

The Board is especially grateful to the Director of Guidance and Special Education, Mr. M. E. Thomas for his advice and co-operation in matters affecting the education of the children and to his Inspector, Special Education, Mr. Keith Watkins, formerly principal of the Blind School whose first-hand knowledge of North Rocks has been of inestimable mutual advantage.

The Board places on record its appreciation of the work of the teaching staffs of both the Central School for Blind Children and the Central School for Deaf Children at the North Rocks Centre.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD WELFARE

It is always extremely gratifying when the Minister for Youth and Community Services, whose portfolio embraces the Department of Child Welfare, takes a keen personal interest in the well-being of handicapped children. In this respect your Board pays tribute to the Minister concerned, the Hon. John Waddy, O.B.E., D.F.C., M.L.A. His Department co-operates to the fullest extent with the Royal Institution.

RESEARCH

We are happy to report that the programme of research into communication and language comprehension for deaf children foreshadowed in the last Annual Report has now come to fruition.

The Welfare Committee, under the vigilant Chairmanship of Vice-President, Mr. Michael Eisner, O.B.E., in association with the Macquarie University and with the Department of Education, established the programme of research.

The programme will continue for a minimum of three years and will be financed by the Institution with generous substantial assistance from the Ramaciotti Foundation.

Mr. William J. Walsh, B.A., Dip. Ed., has accepted the appointment as Research Fellow. The School of Education at Macquarie University recommended his appointment to the Welfare Committee, which accepted the recommendation in December, 1973.

A joint Committee established by the Royal Institution, which embraces representatives of Macquarie University and Department of Education, will receive regular reports from Mr. Walsh.

Your Board is confident that the report which will follow this three year research programme will have a direct influence on improving the standard of language comprehension and language usage amongst deaf children. A general improvement in their educational standard, and a very much higher degree of social integration will undoubtedly result.



During the meeting of governors of international reserve banks in Sydney, Lady O'Brien, wife of the former Governor of the Bank of England, Lord O'Brien, spent a morning at North Rocks. Here she watches little Julie taking dictation on her brailier.

Left to right: Miss Barbara Rouse (Lord O'Brien's secretary); Mrs. D. R. Parr (wife of a Chief Manager of the Reserve Bank of Australia), Lady O'Brien; and teacher, Mrs. Keith Watkins.

"FORGOTTEN CHILDREN" PROJECT

The campaign to provide capital funds for the new Blind Multi-Handicapped Children's school at North Rocks is gradually being wound up with a final appeal to public companies and corporate bodies throughout New South Wales.

Mr. G. W. E. Barraclough, who is a Life Governor of the Royal Institution, is president of the campaign committee. A total of \$85,000 has already been received, with donations still coming in.

KINDRED ORGANISATIONS

The policy of the Board is to maintain the closest liaison with the kindred agencies, both intrastate and interstate. It is also in constant communication with leading overseas agencies in the field of deaf and blind welfare, particularly in the United Kingdom, the United States, and New Zealand.

It enjoys a close association with The Royal Blind Society of N.S.W., The Royal Guide Dogs for the Blind Associations of Australia, and the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of N.S.W., on the State level.

The Chief Executive represents the Royal Institution on the N.S.W. Forum for Deaf Education and Welfare, and is a member of its Steering Committee. He is also a member of the Consultative Council on the Handicapped and Chairman and Convenor of its Committee for Overview Services. This latter body, which was initiated by the Hon. John Waddy, advises the Inter-Departmental Standing Committee for the Handicapped within New South Wales.

On the national level the Royal Institution is an active member of the Australian National Council for the Blind and is represented on the Council's executive committee by the Chief Executive. It is also closely allied to, and is an active participant in the deliberations of the Australian Council of Social Services and of the Australian Council for Rehabilitation of the Disabled.

The constant communication with all these agencies enables the Board to be informed and to keep abreast of all new trends and developments affecting deaf and blind children both at home and abroad.

CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIP

The Board is proud to announce that a member of the North Rocks staff, the Mobility Officer, Mr. T. Beaton has been awarded a Churchill Fellowship for 1974. The Board sent Mr. Beaton to the National Mobility Centre, Birmingham in 1970 for a special course in mobility training in the use of the long cane. He subsequently perfected a unique method of producing tactile (contoured surface) maps of the city and suburbs for use by the blind. He also attended a special course for instructors in the use of binaural spectacles as an aid to the blind.

During 1974 Mr. Beaton will spend three months in the United States and United Kingdom at leading deaf/blind welfare agencies where he will study the latest mobility techniques for the blind and the multi-handicapped blind.



Mr. T. Beaton instructing Roger McKenzie of the Public Relations Department in the use of binaural spectacles.

(Photo by courtesy of John Fairfax & Sons Ltd.)

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

The keen interest maintained in the activities at the North Rocks Centre by the parents of the children has always been a source of gratification to the Directors. The most recently established of these organisations is the Parents' and Friends' Association of the Deaf and Blind Children's Centre, which is comprised in the main of parents of the children in the Royal Institution's Deaf/Blind Trainable School. This is an extremely active body which embraces teachers and friends amongst its members. Mr. Ronald Campbell is its president. It recently affiliated with the Australian National Council for the Blind as an associate member.

The Parents' Association of the Central School for Blind Children and Parents' and Friends' Association of the Central School for Deaf Children are older established organisations which continue to function in the interests of the children.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committees of the Board facilitate the smooth running of the various departments of the Royal Institution and they have frequent and regular meetings. The Board relies largely upon the recommendations of these committees before any far-reaching decisions are made.

Following are the members of these Standing Committees:

POLICIES

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Lieut. Col. G. E. Colvin, C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D.
Mr. J. D. L. Gaden, O.B.E.
Mr. W. E. Hasemer
Mr. V. C. Penzig

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Mr. F. W. Sutton, O.B.E., Chairman
Mr. W. E. Hasemer
Mr. V. C. Penzig
Lieut. Col. G. E. Colvin, C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D.
Mr. L. Watters

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Chairman
Mr. M. A. Buckley
Mr. J. D. L. Gaden, O.B.E.
Mr. W. E. Hasemer
Mr. V. C. Penzig
Sir Charles Moses, C.B.E.
Mr. F. W. Sutton, O.B.E.
Mr. S. G. Varvaressos

WELFARE

Mr. M. Eisner, O.B.E., Chairman
Mr. S. G. Varvaressos, Deputy Chairman
Lieut. Col. G. E. Colvin, C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D.
Mr. W. E. Hasemer
Mr. V. C. Penzig

BUILDING

Cavalier G. A. Bayutti, Chairman
Mr. M. A. Buckley
Mr. M. Eisner, O.B.E.
Mr. M. C. Timbs
Sir Leslie Hooker

ART UNIONS

Since the Art Union Committee was formed in 1958, under the chairmanship of Mr. F. W. Sutton, its operations have resulted in a steadily increasing annual revenue to the Royal Institution. Once again this year it achieved record figures in the sum of \$43,404.

The Board extend its thanks to Mr. Sutton and his committee for his efforts and to the promoter, Mr. Alan Major and his staff.

The N.S.W. Soccer Beef and Burgundy Club, under the presidency of Mr. John Thomson, launched a World Cup Soccer Art Union in aid of the Royal Institution. It is hoped to sell many thousands of tickets at \$1 each among the soccer fraternity before the art union closes this year. Prizes include six return flights to Munich for the World Cup Soccer Finals in July, 1974.



Mrs. Margaret Whitlam, wife of the Prime Minister, who officially opened the Annual Conference of the Central Council of Lantern Clubs, meets Norman, a prefect of the Deaf School, and Karen, from the Blind School.

LANTERN CLUBS, COMMITTEES AND AUXILIARIES

The enthusiasm of members of ancillary organisations has been the source of increasing financial support for the work of the Royal Institution, and the Board records its grateful appreciation of the efforts of these devoted ladies and gentlemen.

Committees and Lantern Clubs directly contributed a total of \$81,003, raising a further \$13,772 of the total amount from Pen Days and Street Appeals, and an additional \$535 for the Lovely Motherhood Quest, making the total for the year the outstanding sum of \$95,330. While these figures are extremely gratifying from the financial point of view, they also demonstrate in tangible form the continuing and unlagging interest of these groups of selfless people. Their assistance is invaluable and through their fund-raising activities the work of the Royal Institution and its needs become more widely known to all sections of the community.

The Directory of Committees and Office Bearers appears on page 20.



A mining programme has been introduced at North Rocks in an endeavour to improve communication of deaf children with the hearing community.

Here Mr. Ton Witsel, Mine Director, gives instructions to Robin Regan.

LOVELY MOTHERHOOD QUEST

The Lovely Motherhood Quest, under the direction of Miss Valda Bagnall, was again a most successful promotion, the winner being Mrs. Bronwyn Williams of Rose Bay.

The final judging was televised in a spectacular on Channel 10 on Good Friday and the judges announced the winner at the end of this superb presentation.

The quest was a tremendous success. It was sponsored by Waltons and the Daily Mirror in conjunction with Channel 10 and raised a total of \$22,000 for the Deaf and Blind Children's Centre.

The runner-up was Mrs. Frances Lorraine Wilson of Kirrawee. The Lovely Motherhood Charity Queen for 1973 was Mrs. Colleen Potts of Kotara Heights, Newcastle who raised the outstanding amount of \$5,371 through her individual efforts.

We are grateful to the following generous donors of prizes: Flotta Lauro (Lauro Lines) A/Asia Pty. Ltd.; Suttons Motors Pty. Ltd.; Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd.; "Daily Mirror"; Hyatt Hotel Singapore; Singapore Airlines (MSA); Waltons Limited; and Philips Industries Limited.

FUNCTIONS

Members of our clubs and auxiliaries held numerous colourful and glamorous functions during the year. The Golden Committee organised glittering gala premieres of the two successful films, "Man of La Mancha" and "Lost Horizon" which were followed by champagne suppers. as was the premiere of the Zorba Song and Dance Company. Barbecues, fashion parades and presentations of furs were among the many activities organised by these hard working committees.

The highlight of the Golden Committee's many outstanding functions was the first luncheon held on the official

opening day of the Sydney Opera House at which Sir Asher Joel was guest speaker.

A new auxiliary, the Silver Committee which is affiliated with the Golden Committee, was successfully launched during the year.

The Lantern Club Movement has been greatly strengthened by the formation of five new Lantern Clubs during 1973. There are now 31 Lantern Clubs working enthusiastically throughout N.S.W. under the leadership of Mrs. J. Van Nooten, President of the Central Council of Lantern Clubs.

The highlight of the year was the Eighth Annual Conference of Lantern Clubs at the Wentworth Hotel on 26th September. The Conference was officially opened by Mrs. Margaret Whitlam, wife of the Prime Minister, and was attended by 400 Lantern Club members from metropolitan and country areas.

QANTAS FLIGHT

The most memorable event in the lives of our children at North Rocks is the annual flight over Sydney which Qantas instituted through the good offices of the Pathfinders Committee.

We are indeed grateful to Captain Ritchie, General Manager of Qantas. Messrs. Hans Kellar, Jim Pascoe, Bob Parker and Rosario Manktello of Qantas were on duty in the plane. The President of the Pathfinders, Mr. Pat McGann, was well supported on this great day in November.

The interest of Sir Donald and Lady Anderson, too, is greatly encouraging.

Two of our Directors, Lieut. Col. Colvin and Mr. J. D. L. Gaden represented the Board on the flight.

The absorbed interest and excited enjoyment of our children during the flight was reward in itself to those who made it possible.

MAJOR DONORS

It is, of course, impossible to list the many friends and supporters who have given assistance to the Institution in so many ways during the year.

Your Board, however, does wish to make specific mention of the following people, organisations and Service Clubs who have made most substantial donations.

The Adolph Basser Trust; A. W. Butterell; F. E. Bundock; A. W. Byrne; British Tobacco Co. (Aust.) Ltd.; Collier Charitable Fund; Mrs. F. M. Coates; Mrs. D. C.

Davies; The Danks Trust; Employees, Electricity Commission of N.S.W.; M. Fisher, O.B.E., Gunnedah Lions Club, Gladsville R.S.L. Club; E. H. B. Hulton; Mr. D. Isaacs; James N. Kirby Foundation; Manly Warringah Rugby League Club; Madingley Victorian Charitable Trust, N.S.W. Railway Employees Patriotic Welfare Fund, N.S.W. Trotting Club Limited; Miss V. S. Olive; Parramatta Masonic Club Golf Club; Pennant Hills Golf Club; Miss Vera Ramaciotti; T. J. Savage; The Spruce Trust; H. W. Swanton; Mr. G. Turner — "Dare to be great in N.S.W."; J. Walker; Sir William Walkley and H. F. Wilson.

During their world trip, international beauty queens spent some hours among the kiddies at North Rocks. Back Row: Quest of Quests winner, Sue Currie; and Miss Norway, Ingeborg Sorenson. Front Row: Miss World, Belinda Green; and Miss Asia, Tara Fonseca.





Members of the Blind Cub Pack at North Rocks. This is the first blind cub pack in N.S.W.



Mrs. Helen Wills, Parent Counsellor, teaching a deaf/blind child.

GREYHOUND MEETINGS

During 1973 the N.S.W. Greyhound Breeders, Owners and Trainers Association and the N.S.W. National Coursing Association conducted Charity Greyhound Meetings at Harold Park and Wentworth Park. The Royal Institution was once again one of the benefiting charities. The meetings were most successful.

In January, 1974, at a luncheon when the "Greyhound of the Year" will be nominated, an Institution representative will be presented with a very substantial cheque. The Board is deeply grateful to the G.B.O.T.A. and the N.C.A. Committees for their generosity in assisting the Institution and other worthy charities over many years. We would like specially to thank Mr. Norman Smith, Manager of the G.B.O.T.A., and Mr. Gerry Candrick, Secretary of the N.C.A.

STREET APPEALS

The City Pen Day was held on November 23rd and record sales were made. This was again made possible by the untiring work of the boys of St. Andrews Cathedral School. They raised the sum of \$5,338, making a total of \$53,690 contributed by this school during the past 15 years.

The pupils of the following schools also gave valuable and much appreciated help: Ashfield Boys' High School, De La Salle Brothers' School, Bankstown Girls' High School, Christian Brothers' Regional High School, Stella Maris College, Queenwood School, Mosman High School, Chatswood High School, Catholic Girls' High School, North Sydney Boys' High School, Maria Regina Primary School, Good Samaritan Convent, Marcellin College, Randwick Girls' High School, Randwick Boys' High

The two blind members of the Public Relations staff regularly address service groups and schools throughout New South Wales on the work of the Royal Institution. Here Ross McGregor chats with pupils at the Bega Primary School during his fortnight's visit to the far South Coast.

(Photo by courtesy of the Bega District News.)



School, Randwick North Boys' High School, Brigidine Convent, Ryde High School, Meadowbank Boys' High School, Homebush Boys' High School, Meriden School, Kuring-gai High School.

The Pen Day in Wollongong also was an outstanding success and \$3,100 was raised. We are sincerely grateful to the staff and students of Port Kembla High School, Corrimall High School, Smith Hill Girls' High School, St. Mary's College, Bulli High School, Illawarra Grammar, Warrawong High School, Keira Boys' High School, Dapto High School, Wollongong High School, S.C.E.G.S., St. Therese School, and East Corrimall Public School for their outstanding assistance.

Pen Days were also held in Blue Mountains, Parramatta, Canberra, Dubbo, Tamworth, Bathurst, and Goulburn where the local schools once again gave invaluable assistance.

ACUPUNCTURE

The Australian Government sent a medical team, comprising three specialists, to China during the year to investigate thoroughly the ancient Chinese practice of acupuncture. The Board was particularly interested in its possible application to deafness following favourable reports published in American journals. Following an approach by our otologist and member of the Board, Dr. Barrie Serivener, this medical mission undertook to examine acupuncture in relation to deafness. We are at present awaiting advice as to the findings of this team.

NEWCASTLE BRANCH

This northern branch, under the direction of the administrator, Mr. Colin Styman, again functioned successfully during the year, both in regard to assistance to blind and deaf children in the area and also in the field of fund-raising.

The Golden Light Committee, under the presidency of Mrs. Lenore Stronach, the Maitland Lantern Club, presided over by Mrs. N. Unicomb and the Cessnock Lantern Club, under the presidency of Mrs. N. Jeffries, M.B.E., all had extremely successful years. Every member of these clubs contributed to this pleasing result and merit special thanks.

EXECUTIVE STAFF

The resignation of the Co-ordinations Executive, Mr. John A. MacArthur during the year was accepted with regret. He has been succeeded by Mr. R. T. Floyd, who brings enthusiasm and understanding to this demanding post.

Mr. Leon Walker, Mr. MacArthur's assistant, was promoted to the position of Director of Field Operations involving the promotion of Pen Days and other special activities in the city, metropolitan and country areas.

NEW HEAD OFFICE

During the year under review the Head Office moved from Castlereagh Street to more commodious premises at 111-115 Chandos Street, St. Leonards.

The new building, named "Walkley House" in honour of our President, Sir William Walkley, C.B.E., was officially opened by the Premier, the Hon. Sir Robert Askin on January 19, 1973.

Sir Robert paid a glowing tribute to the members of our



Two deaf boys being taught how to make moccasins in the bootmakers workshop.

clubs and auxiliaries, referring to them as "people who work without fuss or bother and give terrific service."

The new office has already proved of inestimable benefit. The conference rooms and auditorium enable the members of many clubs and auxiliaries to hold their meetings in pleasant surroundings and the auditorium is ideal for evening functions. In addition, it provides excellent working conditions for the staff.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

This Report would not be complete without a special and grateful tribute to the news media — to the Press, the Radio and Television Stations — for their kindly co-operation and understanding during the past year. The public cannot recognise the work of any welfare organisation unless it is made aware of the activities and functions and achievements of that agency.

The Royal Institution has been particularly favoured in having the complete understanding of the media and of their news and social staffs in city, suburban and country areas and is deeply appreciative of the assistance given. We are particularly grateful to the Managing Director of the Macquarie Network Mr. S. Clarke and to the Station Manager of 2GB, Mr. P. Campbell for their outstandingly generous aid during the year.

The Board also expresses its gratitude to members of the Public Relations Committee whose advice and guidance have contributed to the success of our public relations programme and to our many promotions.

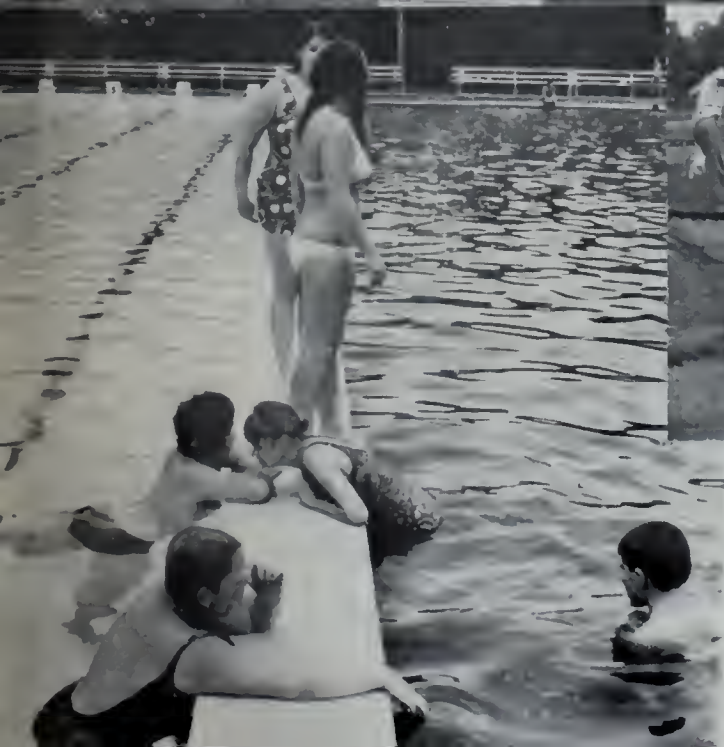
W. G. WALKLEY,
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Sydney, 29th January, 1974.

W. E. HASEMER,
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SCENES AT THE BLIND STUDENTS SUMMER MOBILITY CAMP ON THE BLUE MOUNTAINS



*Top left: Fun and games on the swings in Euroa clearing.
Centre left: Exploring the model castle at Bullen's Animal World.
Left: The swimming pool was always a popular rendezvous.
Top right: Blind Scouts prepare the camp site near the creek.
Above: Crossing the swaying suspension bridge was always good fun.*



The Premier of N.S.W., Sir Robert Askin, addressing guests at the official opening of "Walkley House". Left to right on stage: the President, Sir William Walkley; Lady Askin, Sir Robert, Lady Walkley and Mr. David Hunter, M.L.A.

Foyer and reception area of Walkley House, Chandos Street, St. Leonards, with our blind receptionist, Miss Irene Ip, on duty



THE ROYAL NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND BLIND CHILDREN

STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENTS RECEIVED, INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1973

	1972	1973	1972	1973
1972				
4,672	Advertising	6,634	ENDOWMENTS RECEIVED	1973
1,532	Agency Fees and Contract Staff	1,322	Legacies	191,529
5,964	Allowances — Uniforms and Entertaining	6,562	Profit on Realisation of Investments Received	
1,756	Amenities — Children	1,831	as Legacies	8,941
1,200	Audit Fees	1,500		
1,000	Accountancy Fees — Special	1,533		
4,166	Cost of Overseas Survey	811		
13,943	Depreciation	15,369		
8,858	Extra Curricula Training of Children	7,276		
429	Freight and Cartage	1,132		
19,613	Fuel and Light	19,591		
24,910	Groceries and Provisions	27,265		
9,030	Insurance	10,304		
242	Interest and Bank Charges	6,802		
7,669	Journal Production Costs	12,542		
140	Legal and Professional Expenses	112		
105	Life Membership Certificates			
10,112	Maintenance of Equipment	8,963		
10,636	Maintenance of Property	6,045		
1,036	Medical, Dental and Optical	1,180		
8,279	Motor Vehicle Expenses and Allowances	11,548		
691	North Rocks Requisites	424		
1,722	Office Expenses	3,222		
1,468	Office and Staff Amenities	1,092		
12,681	Parent Counselling and Welfare Services	12,198		
14,800	Postage	12,074		
18,069	Printing and Stationery	11,413		
2,497	Provision for Long Service Leave	3,287		
22,776	Publicity and Public Relations	16,784		
4,613	Rates and Taxes	7,711		
7,557	Rent, Sanitation and Cleaning	10,593		
359,737	Salaries and Wages	415,660		
105	Security	165		
3,098	Staff Superannuation	3,499		
2,200	Staff Provident Fund	1,738		
6,713	Telephones	7,254		
11,657	Travelling — Local	11,966		
908	Wages Delivery	1,077		
606,584		668,479		
180,892		235,648		
\$787,476	Balance transferred to Accumulated Funds and Endowments	\$904,127	\$787,476	\$904,127

AUDITORS' REPORT

In our opinion the above Statement of Endowments Received, Income and Expenditure of the Royal New South Wales Institution for Deaf and Blind Children, has been properly drawn up so as to present a true and fair view of the Endowments Received and of the Income and Expenditure of the Institution for the year ended 30th September 1973.

SYDNEY.

25th January, 1974

A W BUTTRELL, PORTER & CO
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Blind Students Gain Outstanding Passes



Kathy Dummett.

KATHY DUMMETT AND GRAEME INNES

Two former students of the Central School for Blind Children at North Rocks, who have been blind from birth, passed their Higher School Certificate examinations with distinction. Both will enter Sydney University in 1974. They are Kathy Dummett, 17, eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Dummett of Enmore and Graeme Innes, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Innes of Ashfield.

Kathy left North Rocks two years ago and enrolled at Fort Street Girls' High School, where, of course, she competed with sighted students. She achieved first-level passes in Ancient History and French, second-level passes in English and Modern History and a third-level pass in Mathematics.

The Royal Institution arranged for all their textbooks to be brailled. They had to be provided with large cupboards at school to accommodate their large Braille books.

Kathy will study for her Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Ancient History.

Graeme gained first levels in Modern History and Ancient History and second levels in English, Economics and short



Graeme Innes.

course Mathematics. For the past two years he attended Ashfield Boys' High School.

After they left North Rocks Graeme and Kathy often studied together and helped each other.

Kathy secured a job as a telephonist at Waltons in the City during the holidays. Studying, she says, presented some difficulties at first. But she can take notes on her Braille almost as fast as some people write shorthand, and she uses a tape recorder to tape lectures.

While both Kathy and Graeme are outstanding scholars, their handicap compels them to devote much time to homework to keep pace with their sighted classmates. They both averaged from four to five hours each night for the examinations. And Kathy says that Graeme works harder than she does.

Graeme, who takes a keen interest in debating, represented N.S.W. in the Interstate Blind Cricket Carnival in Brisbane and is a senior member of the Boys' Brigade. He will study Law at Sydney University.



Heather Garrett.

HEATHER GARRETT

Slender Heather Garrett, 15, who was enrolled at the Central School for Blind at North Rocks before she was five years of age, gained her School Certificate in her final year at the school. She gained Credits in English and History, and passes in Advanced French, Advanced Home Science and in Mathematics and Music. She was Dux of the School in 1973 and also a prefect.

Apart from being a highly successful scholar, Heather was one of the most popular girls among her schoolmates. She is extremely musical and those who were present last Speech Day will recall her performance on the flute.

Now that she has passed out of North Rocks, Heather will attend a school for sighted children and has already enrolled in 5th Form at Chatswood High School, where she will study for her Higher School Certificate for the next two years. Her subjects this year will be First Level French and Indonesian and Second Level English, Modern History and Home Economics.

Heather's handicap has not restricted her swimming and surfing activities; she reads avidly and knits extraordinarily well. She hopes to continue on to the university and ultimately to train as a physiotherapist.



Robert Nixon



Bruce Maguire

ROBERT NIXON AND BRUCE MAGUIRE

Two former North Rocks students now commencing their sixth and final year at normal high schools are Robert Nixon and Bruce Maguire. Both boys are extremely ambitious and very musical.

Robert, who became blind at the age of 10, was a student at North Rocks for seven years. After gaining his School Certificate in 1972 he enrolled at Cumberland High School and achieved second-level passes in English, Modern History, Geography, Economics and Indonesian in the 1973 examinations.

It has been a tremendously interesting year for Robert and ended on a high note when he was selected as one of 168 students from N.S.W. High Schools to attend the Education Department's State Music Camp under the direction of Mr. Terrence Hunt at Broken Bay.

The fine quality of his voice and his splendid range of notes enables him to sing either tenor or bass.

At present he sees his future in economics or marketing. Bruce Maguire, who was Captain and Dux of the Central School for Blind Children in 1972, was the first student from the Centre to win a Commonwealth Secondary Education Scholarship. He has just completed fifth form at Northmead High School where he gained brilliant passes in English, Modern History and Music at first level, Maths at 2F level and Economics at second level.

He was awarded the Baulkham Hills Shire Citizenship prize for boys at the school for participation in school activities. He was chairman of the magazine committee and chairman of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship. Bruce had little difficulty in surmounting the problems attendant upon being a blind student in a sighted school. For instance, at North Rocks, homework is done in Braille, but at Northmead all his homework has to be typed.

He studied the Secondary School Board's Music Syllabus, which does not involve learning any particular instrument, so he had to take out-of-school piano lessons. While other pupils at Northmead had sports afternoon on Tuesday, Bruce returned to North Rocks for piano lessons from his former teacher.

He hopes to go on to the university and become a teacher.

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Four deaf debutantes from the Deaf and Blind Children's Centre being taught the use of eye-shadow. Left to right: Jennifer Westerman, Sophie Veliares, Claire Henderson and Karen Dimmack.





During his three-hour inspection of the North Rocks complex the Federal Minister for Education, Hon. K. Beazley, saw all phases of the Royal Institution's work. Here he talks with some of the deaf kiddies.

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FOR 113 years the deaf and blind children of New South Wales have been helped to lead fuller lives and to take their place in the community by the Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf & Blind Children, through the financial support of a generous public.

That work will continue assuredly into the future. But our needs are increasing and will increase as our work extends and expands.

The Board is immeasurably grateful — and deeply in-

debted to those generous and thoughtful citizens who, in past years, contributed to our continuing needs by remembering the Institution as a beneficiary when they drew up their wills.

There can be no more noble — and practical — method of aiding the handicapped children at North Rocks than by leaving them a legacy — be it large or small. It will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

Set out below are sample reminders for your guidance. Will you remember us?

BEQUEST

FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE ROYAL N.S.W. INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND BLIND CHILDREN

I give and bequeath unto the Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf and Blind Children the sum of (\$) free of Death Duty and Federal Estate Duty to be applied for the purposes of the said Institution in such manner and at such times as the Board of Directors thereof may from time to time determine and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said Institution shall be a complete discharge to my Executors for the moneys paid in accordance with this bequest.

The following is the proper attestation to a Will:

Signed by the above-named testator as and for his last Will in our presence who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses } Signature and Addresses

Note: The Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf and Blind Children is a body corporate constituted under an Act of Parliament of the State of New South Wales. It is governed and managed by a Board of Directors. The treasurer is a member of the Board.

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Honorary Treasurer,
The Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf and Blind Children,
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I/We enclose my/our cheque for \$ as a contribution to the work of The Royal N.S.W. Institution for Deaf and Blind Children.

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